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**Bring the Children
Welcome alike to Parents & Children
Come Early**

Every Toy is New and Fresh. To all we say make your selections early.

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Where Everybody Likes to Trade

CANNERS DISAGREE

All Wanted to Talk at the Same Time.

SEINERS HAVE A BROAD GRIN

Contest on New Legislation is Likely to Result in Some Close Lobbying in the Third House of the State.

The cannery men met yesterday afternoon in solemn conclave, but when the first voice floated its mellifluous tones across the gathering of salmon murderers, they arose almost as one body, and the flow of language thereafter was unprecedented in the annals of Oregon conventions.

Measures? Enough were provided to keep the fish, even, dodging for two years, and the lack of unanimity was analogous to the famous contest of the Kilkenny cats. The organization seemed to be suspicious of itself. They did not go to the lengths of putting their watches in their trousers' pockets but several turned up their noses at each other, and a man with a snapshot camera could have got some pictures of astute and wealthy salmon speculators with their tongues in a position that could only be rivalled by the appearance of a disappointed debutante at a "coming out" ball.

The impression prevailed, after the smoke settled down, that a concerted action on the part of the cannery men is next to impossible, unless it shall be established that a line of laws not yet provided be laid down for the guidance of those whose views differ from the plans of the fish warden, and of those mainly in charge of the canning business on the river.

No conclusion was reached, except an agreement to extend the season five days.

Another meeting of the cannery men, a caucus first being held, will be called for another date, and more unanimity is expected then to rule.

In contrast to this, however, is the meeting that will be held Tuesday by the seiners and trappers. The proceedings of this meeting are outlined on the wall, and the recommendations to the legislature that will result are to have the solid backing of each and all of the men interested. At this conclave will be the trappers and seiners of the Washington as well as of the Oregon side, and their recommendations, it is understood, will be solid as of a body, the various interests being reconciled in the common interest.

Further developments in the attempts at legislation which will be made are watched with interest by both parties to the contention.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

- T. Winstrup, U. S. S. Perry.
- P. A. Trullinger, Tacoma.
- J. G. Luhrman, Salem.
- R. J. Young, McGowan, Wash.
- S. E. Roberts, Forest Grove, Ore.
- E. V. Abbott, Fort Canby.
- E. S. Ackerman, City.
- James McCarthy, City.
- Albin Person, Portland.
- B. Benson, Portland.
- B. A. Seaborg, Skamokawa, Wash.

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Your grocer's; manufacturer.

**A Nation
A State
A City**

That don't reward its workers cannot prosper.

If you would have Astoria grow don't forget your hustlers.

Herman Wise
Astoria's Live Clothier

P. S. A new supply of Xmas Handles and Detachable Umbrellas, also Fancy Vests just received.

PERSONAL MENTION.

William Dixon of Chinook was in the city yesterday.

H. L. Slater of Portland was in the city yesterday.

Sheriff Flanders of Cathlamet was in Astoria yesterday.

William Anderson of Deep River was in Astoria yesterday.

Hon. C. W. Carnahan was up from Cullaby late yesterday.

L. A. Foster and wife of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday.

Robert J. Young is over from McGowan's on a visit with friends.

Councilman R. B. Smith of Seaside was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Judge Loyal B. Stearns of Portland was in the city yesterday on a visit.

Miss Lilly Morgenson of Cathlamet visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

Miss Etta Welch of Salem is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Hodgson, in this city.

George Hannigan, editor of the Cathlamet Gazette, was in Astoria yesterday on business.

Angus Gor, formerly of Astoria but now a retired capitalist of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

Rear Admiral A. N. Smith of Portland was in the city yesterday interviewing his many friends on business.

Sylvester Farrell of Portland, member of the pilot commission, was in Astoria yesterday on official business.

Frank M. Warren, the Portland canneryman, was in Astoria yesterday in attendance on the cannerymen's meeting.

Hon. J. G. Megler and wife of Brookfield were in the city yesterday. Mr. Meglar was in attendance on the cannerymen's meeting.

Seamen Foregather.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The International Seamen's Union has begun the

second week of the annual convention. A resolution has been adopted that American vessels carrying foreign mail must sign their crews through the officers of the United States shipping commissioners, in order that the law requiring the members of such crews to be citizens shall be enforced.

For Capital Crime.

North Yakima, Dec. 3.—Millard Boyd, an alleged infanticide, was placed on trial today for murder in the first degree. The prosecuting witness testified that Boyd smothered the infant to death a few hours after its birth by placing a quilt over it in bed where its mother lay.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Columbia River Light Vessel No. 50 is Established.

(List of Lights and Fog-Signals, Pacific Coast, 1904, page 28, No. 93; List of Lights, Buoys and Day Marks Pacific Coast, 1904, page 42.)

Notice is hereby given that on or about January 1, 1905, Columbia River Light Vessel No. 50, moored off the entrance to the Columbia River, about 7 1/2 miles SSW. 3/4 W. from Cape Disappointment Lighthouse, will be temporarily withdrawn from her station for repairs, and the station will be marked by a gas-buoy, painted red, with "Light Vessel Moorings" in black, and showing a fixed white light during periods of 10 seconds, followed by eclipses of 10 seconds.

Light Vessel No. 50 will be returned to her station as soon as repairs have been completed (on or about February 1, 1905), and the buoy will then be discontinued. By order of the Lighthouse board,

L. C. HEILNER,

Commander, U. S. N., Lighthouse Inspector.

Office of Inspector 13th Light-house District, Portland, Oregon, 10th December, 1904. No. 10 December, 1904. (No. 19, 1904).

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Everything the Market Affords
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